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Mr. McNab has "blown." He swatted the dragon fly and his conscience is clear. His party will now nominate and elect him governor of the state of California. Quien sabe!

No more telling by the stamps on the back of the letter when it arrived, for by an order already effective the custom of back-stamping letters is discontinued. Only registered and special delivery mail must be backstamped now.

President Wilson Thursday nominated Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City to be a member of the commission on industrial relations, whatever that may be. If this commission is to investigate and determine individual ability to pay lawyer's fees, the President sure chose a winner.

The physicians of Lexington should not forget the free fan service offered by the Missouri Gas & Electric Service Company to the sick, whose circumstances will not permit of their paying for such service. Many a poor suffering soul may be materially benefitted by having the service of an electric fan during this terrific heat.

Washington Letter.

Clyde H. Tavenner, "Boys, grow corn" is now established as the slogan of the Department of Agriculture. The sentence has taken the place of Horace Greeley's famous advice: "Young man, go west."

In the past five or six years the Department of Agriculture has shown by demonstration that for young men there is greater opportunity in producing the gold of the corn and there ever was in gathering the gold from the placer mines of California.

For no 10-year period has the corn yield of the United States exceeded an average of 28 bushels per acre. Not even the most fertile state has ever produced over 54 bushels per acre. Yet in practically every section of the country yields of over 100 bushels are continually being produced by good farmers.

It is asserted that the corn yield of the United States can be easily doubled by the spread of good farming methods. Or,

if such a yield is beyond our needs, the acreage devoted to corn can be greatly reduced and the land devoted to other needed crops.

There are untold billions of dollars which can be added to the wealth of the nation by increasing the corn production. No other line of activity offers such opportunities.

The hope of the Department and of the country is in the boys. They, more quickly than men, grasp the scientific principles underlying the successful breeding of corn for greater crops. Youthful enthusiasm guarantees that the principles once learned will be applied to actual corn production with conscientiousness and perseverance.

Consequently we see the great and growing organizations of Boys' corn clubs, promoted by schools, states, independent organizations and the national Department of Agriculture. Each year the champion boy corn growers of each state are given a free trip to Washington, where they meet the President and receive diplomas from the Secretary of Agriculture.

The work of getting boys interested in championship corn contests has advanced to a point where the Department is now showing its hand—how it intends to utilize this organization of boys in the future. A bulletin has just been issued on the subject, and one sentence in the bulletin might have been written in this form:

WANTED: A boy in every corn-growing country of the United States, who can prove his ability as a farmer by several years of superior work in the corn contests, to act for the rest of his life as the official seed-corn grower and distributor in his county for the government. Pleasant and profitable work. For further information apply to Office of Corn Investigations, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

In other words, it is the intention of the Department to effect a permanent organization of boy champion corn growers. One in each county is desired. By improving seed and furnishings it to the farmers of his county he will help toward the general plan for doubling the American corn crop.

The name of the new bulletin is: "How to Grow an Acre of Corn." It is a corn-grower's textbook, written in short, pithy paragraphs, each giving a suggestion on how to improve corn.

"Boys have splendid opportunities to produce better varieties than have ever been produced," is the promise held out.

It is also pointed out that while corn which sells commercially for 50 or 75 cents per

bushel, the successful corn-broader can sell his corn to his neighbors for seed for \$2 or \$3 a bushel. A boy who can grow 100 bushels of this sort of corn on an acre spends a very profitable summer.

Every boy in town, village or the country who has access to an acre of ground ought to write to his congressman for this bulletin and get into the corn growing contest.

Mrs. Kate Thomas returned to her home in Higginsville Sunday evening after a visit here with relatives.

Robert Johnson left Sunday morning for an extended stay in Corona, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beisenherz of Concordia spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Genevieve Russell left Saturday evening for an extended visit in Los Angeles, California, and Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Alford of Kansas City spent yesterday here with relatives.

Mrs. L. B. Bard left Saturday evening for her home in Muskogee, Okla., after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. R. B. Bishop, who has been visiting in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, returned home Saturday evening.

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SILLY IDEA IS WORLD-WIDE

All Nations Alike in the Peculiar Footery of the First Day of April.

"All Fools' day," with its practices of sending the unwary upon foolish errands or surprising them into the doing of more or less ridiculous things, is often said to be sprung from what was once a happening far indeed from the trivial—the sending hither and thither of the Saviour, from Anna to Caiaphas, from Caiaphas to Pilate, from Pilate to Herod. This tradition is, perhaps, begotten of the fact that, during the middle ages, this scene in Jesus' life was usually made the subject of a miracle play in the Easter season. The day, however, is more probably the relic of some wholly heathen festival, for the traveler in British India will tell of the modern Hindus playing tricks entirely similar to our April fool jests on March 31, when they hold each year the Festival of Huli. The best explanation of all is that the custom has descended to us from the old Roman new year's rites, for, till the calendar was reformed by Julius Caesar, the initial day of the civil year throughout the empire which knew "the grandeur that was Rome" was March 25, and April 1, being its octave, witnessed the often boisterous culmination of its festivities.

Whatever its origin, trick playing on the opening day of the fourth month is general throughout Europe. In England the victim is dubbed, as here, on April fool; in France he is a "fish," and Scotland calls him "gowk." It is a favorite jest to send some person on a bootless mission, to persuade him to make some impossible appointment, or to distress him with the thought that his necktie is awry or his hat knocked in. In Philadelphia one of the commonest tricks of the day is to give the unsuspecting one the phone number of the Zoological gardens with word that Mr. Wolff or Mr. Lyon wants him to be sure and call up.

UNPROFITABLE FOR HER



"Did you return his presents and get yours back after you quarreled?"
"I should say not. He'd have all the best of that deal."

SPICE OF LIFE.

Miss Slimums—Mr. Bulky, why don't you turkey-trot with more variety?

Mr. Bulky—How so? What do you mean, Miss Slimums?

Miss Slimums (sweetly)—You might step on my right foot now; the left foot has had enough!—Puck.

INVIDIOUS.

Jane—Mr. Todgers paid me a great compliment. He said to me as I entered the reception parlor, "You're the prettiest girl I have seen tonight."

Mary—Yes, I understand you were the first to arrive.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ONE EXCEPTION.

"Nothing comes to him who waits," remarked the philosopher.

"How about tips?" asked the friend.—Buffalo Express.

THERE WERE SEVEN.

Mr. Rinkpat (to barber)—Part my hair in the middle, please.

Barber—Yessir! Shall I split the odd one, sir?

LOOKING FOR THE RESULT.

Smith—Whatever became of that friend of yours who used to have money to burn?

Smith—He's sifting the ashes.

PROTECTED.

He—Why is that grind never subject to colds?

She—He's always wrapped up in his books.—Yale Record.



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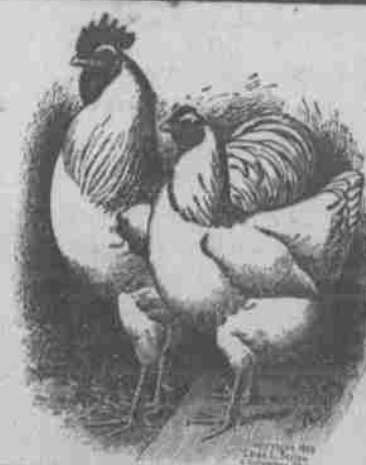
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